

Group III Claims 13-26, 42-55, drawn to storing and/or search data in database using a specific structure;

Applicant elects Group I with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that the restriction requirement is made in error, as the claims are directed to the same invention and are not drawn to separate features. Moreover, as evidence of this commonality, Applicants point to the fact that claim 6 in Group II is dependent from claim 2 of Group I. Also, claims 13-26 in Group II depend from claim 12 of Group I. Further, claim 36 of group II depends from claim 31 of Group I. These examples strongly illustrate that at least Groups I and II should be examined together.

In view of the above, reconsideration of the requirement is requested. Further, examination and allowance of at least the claims of Groups I and II is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan J. Kasper
Registration No. 25,426

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Date: July 29, 2002